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Yes, we do all kinds of Job Printing and do it right.

PRICE, THREE CENTS

THE U. S. SEPARATOR

May be a little higher price than some other Separators, but those who use it find after a short time in use that it is the CHEAPEST, BECAUSE IT GETS ALL THE CREAM, and the longer it is used, the cheaper it will be; for the difference in the quantity of cream saved will soon pay for the Separator. Get a U. S. SEPARATOR and a "DAVIS SWING" CHURN, and you will never regret it.

"The price of COAL is down"—not as low as it should be—but it is down. And the price of Stoves advanced ten per cent. since 1st January, 1903, on COOKS and HEATERS, but we will continue selling at the SAME CUT PRICES which we made four months ago. Come and get your choice while you have such an opportunity. Our prices must be higher, but for the time being will continue as follows:

"Hazel" Double Heaters No. 14, set up \$19.50; No. 16, set up \$22.50. "Atlas," "Classic," "Nubian" and "Jewel Oak" Single Heaters, No. 10 to No. 16, at \$5.50 to \$12.00. "Othello" Ranges, Coal or Wood No. 8, \$23.50; No. 9, \$28.00. "Sunshine" Range, Coal or Wood, No. 8, \$19.00; No. 9, \$22.50; "Iron King" Cook, Coal or Wood No. 7, \$17.00; No. 8, \$21.00; No. 9, \$23.50.

"Wyoming" Dockash, Range, Coal or Wood No. 8, \$25.00; No. 9, \$28.00, WITH THERMOMETER. "Peninsular" Steel oven Range No. 9, \$18.50, same stove with Reservoir \$25.50.

Steel Range "Premier" No. 9, with HIGH-CLOSET AND RESERVOIR, no better made, \$45.00. Steel Range "Domestic," No. 8, with High-Closets or Reservoirs at correspondingly low prices. All the above Cook Stoves and Ranges are of the very highest and finest grade. We have a great variety of other Cooks and Ranges, coal or wood, and coal Heating Stoves at much lower prices.



The time draws near for House Painting. We keep the most complete stock of PAINTS to be found outside the City: "ATLAS" READY MIXED has stood the test in this community for TWENTY YEAR. "FELTON SIBLEY" READY-MIXED has been the greatest rival to "Atlas," and "WUCHTER'S DURABLE" has made a gratifying record. These three Paints are each second to no other Paint made. Dry Paints, Colors, Varnishes, etc. Always on hand.

Middletown Hardware House

All kinds of Builders' Hardware, Tools, Tinware, Woodenware and House Furnishing Goods

IN ROOFING and REPAIRING, Quickly and Cheaply Done.

TO A DANDELION IN MARCH

BY WILLIAM HENRY BANBROFT
Why art thou here, thou little flower,
In the damp and cold?
Not yet hath come the summer hour
To show thy face of gold?
The winter winds are blowing yet,
And all the vane are northward set;
How couldst thou be so bold?
All I did was love thy bean lure
Then cometh thee to me,
Or was it a truant breeze, I'm sure,
That fluttered thy poor head;
But winter winds are blowing yet,
And all the vane are northward set;
I fear thou'll soon be dead.
Thou needest not toss thy yellow curls
In sauciness at me;
It is the breath of March that twirls
The winter winds unruly;
The winter winds are blowing yet,
And all the vane are northward set;
I'll have to care for thee.
The frost shall not be beauty blight,
I'll pluck thee as my own;
Be thou my sweetheart till the night
With me, and I'll be thy own;
For winter winds are blowing yet,
And all the vane are northward set;
They'll freeze thee into stone.
Here on my bosom softly rest,
Where I can see thy face fair;
And have a vision of summer blast,
While round me tempests race;
For they are blowing, blowing yet,
And all the vane are northward set;
Next to my heart thy place.
Soon, soon, alas! thou'll fade away,
Thy golden blushes lose;
For better on this wild March day
That I should for thee choose
Than let the winds fierce blow yet,
While all the vane are northward set;
They tender life abuse.



MRS. L. S. ADAMS,
Of Galveston, Texas.

Wife of Cardui is indeed a blessing to tired women, and has suffered for seven years with weakness and bearing-down pains, and having tried several doctors and different remedies with no success, our Wine of Cardui was the only thing which helped me, and eventually cured me. It seemed to build up the weak parts, strengthen the system and correct irregularities.

"Tired women" Mrs. Adams now needs no woman who have despondent men, fat of the womb, ovarian troubles or any of these ailments that women have. You can cure yourself at home with this great women's remedy, Wine of Cardui. Wine of Cardui has now cured many cases which doctors have failed to benefit. Why not begin to get well today? All druggists have \$1.00 bottles. For any stomach, liver or bowel disorder Dr. Ford's Black Draught should be used.

700 Main Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., address, giving symptoms. The Ladies' Advocate, Department, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI

Middletown Directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.
President, William R. Cochran; Secretary, George G. Rowe; Charlie H. Howell, J. F. McWhorter.

BANKS.
People's National Bank—President, Geo. M. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, Frank Woodcock, John B. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Tellers, F. Davis, Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

United Order of U. S. A. M. Meets every Tuesday of each month in McWhorter's Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Womans' Conclave Heptachas, Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Womans' Lodge, No. 5, A. O. U. W. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall at 8 o'clock.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church—Rev. C. T. Wyatt, Pastor. Praying for the sick.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church—Rev. W. H. Moore, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Sabbath morning at 9:15 o'clock.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. W. H. Moore, Pastor. Services every Sabbath morning at 9:15 a. m. Evening Prayer every Wednesday evening.

Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the First Methodist Church.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church—Rev. W. H. Moore, Pastor. Services every Sabbath morning at 9:15 a. m. Evening Prayer every Sabbath morning at 9:15 a. m.

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THE LEGISLATURE

The work of the General Assembly has been completed and it remains for history to make its decision upon its acts. In many ways it was a remarkable assemblage. Composed of practically three parties, the members were selected almost entirely on their known attitude towards the Senatorial aspirations of Mr. Adicks. The question being settled by a solution, happy or unhappy, according to the viewpoint of the observer, there were left but a few days in which to transact the business for which Legislatures are chosen. The members consequently were compelled to work hard to come near to considering a fair percentage of the bills presented. As a matter of fact many important bills were killed by a failure to take them up at the proper time. Some of these measures had been before the Assembly almost from the first day of the session, but action was delayed. Just why this was done, no one knows. It seems to be a case of neglect.

Among the bills that passed were a measure providing for improved roads; the voters' assistant repealer; to prevent the procuring of deposits without authority; changing the system of auditing the roads accounts of this county; and abolishing the kissing of the Bible when taking an oath. This is not a very long list and, of course, there were "others" of minor importance such as protecting muskrats on some run or river bank, etc., etc. But the true measure of the work done by the Legislature is found in the list of bills killed, such as the one providing for a junct at the expense of the State to the St. Louis Exposition next year; and the bill providing a "riper" charter for the city of Wilmington.

Among the bills that failed which we think should have passed are to be found the one providing for a simpler system of voting; the bill for the State Sanitarium and the Jury commission bill. As a whole the result is disappointing. Much was expected and little was done.

THE TREATIES

The Senate of the United States, after spending about two weeks in discussing in secret session the Panama Canal Treaty, finally ratified the measure on Tuesday of this week. Nearly all the time had been occupied by Senator Morgan of Alabama, in opposition to the treaty, and it was not until a change of rules approaching closure was threatened, that he finally yielded to the taking of a vote which resulted in 73 to 55, practically unanimous. Senator Morgan has striven earnestly for many years for the digging of an Isthmian Canal, but along what is known as the Nicaragua route, and finding himself beaten was disposed to fight to the last ditch. The action of the Senate assumes a canal joining the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and severing the two continents of North and South America. It will operate to the advantage of the greatest trade in the world. Through the canal will pass the commerce from the great states of the West, and those of the extreme East of this country as well as of western Europe, the West Indies and South America with the Oriental countries like China and Japan. The work will now begin in earnest and be prosecuted with true American enterprise until completed. To the science of our engineers will be added the experience gained by the French in their several attempts to dig the ditch.

The Senate has also ratified the Reciprocity Treaty with Cuba and while it is not as satisfactory as could be wished, it is a step in the right direction. It will go a long way towards helping the people of the new Republic out of the financial straits into which they have fallen, and it will be a partial keeping of the promises made to them at the time of the passing of the Platt amendments. This concludes the work of the special session, which could have been avoided had the Senators have been willing to do less talking.

MILL DAMS

In the closing days of the Legislature at least one "snake" crept through. We refer to the bill requiring the county to re-

build such mill dams as the carelessness of the owners have allowed to be carried away. There are in this county at least five such dams, St. Georges Hundred furnishing two of them. As THE TRANSCRIPT has pointed out on more than one occasion, these dams are built for the purpose of retaining a supply of water to furnish power for private purposes, and the roadway over the dam is merely a secondary consideration. As a matter of fact, in nearly every case the sole use of such roads is to lead to the mill. But in the few cases where the road is of benefit to the public; a short bridge will furnish the necessary convenience, if it were not for the retention of the large body of water. If mill owners build their dams properly and give them the same attention that would be devoted to the same investment in a steam plant, the probability of loss would be very remote. But with the assurance, or assumption that in case of loss the public can be forced or persuaded to repair the damage, comes a carelessness that neglects proper caution and the consequent damage.

We hope the Governor will "scotch the snake," by refusing to approve the law. It is time that this dependence upon the public to make up losses due to private neglect were ended. The man who owns a mill property should be responsible for all the care and loss arising therefrom, as he is entitled to all the gains accruing. If this bill becomes a law it means an expenditure of \$40,000 to \$50,000 by the county of New Castle within the next fiscal year, or an increase of the county tax rate of about ten cents on each one hundred dollars. We deplore the loss of the individual but cannot justify the attempted "graft."

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Mrs. John Beiswanger is visiting in Baltimore.

Dr. Harry Cleaver has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Cooling visited Miss Ethel Ellison last week.

Miss Maggie Penzel is entertaining her cousin from Philadelphia.

Mr. J. P. Steele has been confined to his home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blansfield and children are in Wilmington.

Miss Sallie Barwick has returned from a visit with Wilmington friends.

Mrs. Martha Powell is spending some time with relatives near Elton.

Noble Ferguson, of Cecilton, spent Wednesday with Byron Bouchelle.

Miss Helen Clayton, of Middletown, visited Miss Hattie Morgan last week.

Mrs. Camille George and children, of Elk Neck, have been visiting relatives in their home.

Mr. W. E. Clayton, of Cecilton, visited his mother, Mrs. M. E. Freeman last week.

Mrs. James Cummings has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward McCoy, near Elton.

Miss Emma Morgan entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Boren and son one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. McCullough, of Elton, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and son, of Wilmington, have been visiting Miss Emma Morgan.

Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden entertained her mother, Mrs. A. G. Brown and Mrs. Cantwell, of Elton, over Sunday.

Sunday being Rev. L. E. Poole's last day, quite a large congregation attended both morning and evening services.

The International Sunshine Society met at the home of Mrs. James S. Hopper on Wednesday evening of last week.

A workman on the canal was taken to the hospital at Wilmington on day last week suffering with smallpox and our doctors are busy vaccinating people.

ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATURE

Although Wednesday at 12 o'clock was set as the time for the adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, a joint resolution was adopted in both Houses extending the time for final adjournment until Thursday at noon. The extra time was needed by the legislature to curtail the extravagant appropriations and to consider the report of the committee on claims.

Most of the day the Senate was in secret session, and in the afternoon when a recess was taken until Thursday morning, it was learned that \$80,000 had been loosed off the schedule of appropriations. The legislators realized that all the scheduled appropriations were allowed to stand it would bring the State to a condition facing bankruptcy within a few years.

From time to time the members of the House extended the hour for final adjournment, in order that they could consider the claims and appropriation reports after they came from the Senate.

SENATOR BALL INJURED

WASHINGTON, March 18th.—Senator L. Heister Ball, of Delaware, met with a peculiar and painful accident yesterday as he was about to leave the Senate chamber. He stood at the main door, intending to pass out, when he looked back for a moment to speak to a fellow Senator. At that instant the swinging door came with great force and struck him a violent blow in the forehead. He was knocked down senseless. He was carried to a sofa, where he was made comfortable until a physician could be sent for and restorative applied. An hour later the Senator was removed to the Portland, where he was resting comfortably last night.

The Union Republicans fought the repealer to the last ditch, and now it is up to Governor Houn whom it is thought will let it die without his signature.

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SASSAFRAS ITEMS

The beautiful daffodils are in bloom. Mr. J. Bennett, of near Warwick, was in Sassafras Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson visited Middletown on Tuesday.

Quite a number here were green in honor of St. Patrick's day Tuesday.

Mr. James Donahue, of Clayton, visited his parents near Sassafras on Tuesday.

The oyster dredging season in Maryland ended on Monday after a poor sea-

son. Rev. M. Shears, of Baltimore, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson.

We are pleased to state Capt. John Walmsley, of Fredericktown, is very much improved.

Mr. James Hall, of Fredericktown, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Laws on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughters were the guests of her mother, Mrs. W. K. Lookwood Sunday.

Mr. Keeth Cochran, of near Galena, a son of Mr. F. P. Cochran, is lying critically ill with typhoid fever.

Before going to conference Rev. George S. Mescron of the M. E. Church was presented with a purse of gold.

Rev. J. McLain Brown preached a beautiful sermon in the Rehoboth Church on Sunday to a large congregation.

Messrs. Bayard and Edgar Jones visited their sister, Mrs. F. VanSan in Wilmington from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Susie Ford, of Ford's Landing, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore, returned home on Thursday last.

Mrs. May Tolson, of Mt. Pleasant, Del., was entertained on Wednesday by her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

More glorious weather must be put to the credit of March, for St. Patrick's day was one of the prize order and Monday was also a fine day.

The "Peninsula Methodist," the official organ of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, will, after April 1st, be published at Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirk, of Fredericktown, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Laws were entertained on Sunday by Mr. James Hall, of near Fredericktown.

Directors of the Middletown & Odessa Railway Company have elected the following officers: President, William R. Polk; Secretary, Daniel W. Corbit; Treasurer, J. L. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin entertained for dinner on Thursday Rev. and Mrs. J. McLain Brown, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spy, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rose.

The "Peddler's Parade" given by the ladies of the M. P. Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin on Thursday evening, was a great success, both socially and financially. The fare was most ludicrous and unique and all are to be congratulated. About \$49 was realized.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in the Ebenezer Church at Easton, on Tuesday. The Wilmington Conference embraces the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the State of Delaware, and has about 180 charges.

CEDILTON SIGHTINGS

Miss Lula Manlove is visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Maude Robinson has returned home from Kennedville.

Miss Enoch Short has been spending the past week in Philadelphia.

Miss May Deputy is spending this week with Mrs. W. A. Jester.

James Hall, of Wilmington, spent the past week with John Taylor.

Miss Mattie Vandegrift is visiting Mrs. Harry Clark, near Earleville.

Mr. George Thornton, of Cayots, spent Thursday with friends in town.

Miss Mattie Cannon is spending sometime with Mrs. James A. Pierce.

Messrs. Alonso and William Mattax are visiting their brother near town.

Robert Reily, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with his family in town.

Miss Daisy Hoover entertained Miss Mamie Pierce on Thursday and Friday.

C. H. Messick was the guest of Salisbury and Seaford friends during the past week.

William Smith, of Bohemia Manor, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark gave a dinner party to a number of their friends on Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Templeman has as her guest from Friday to Sunday Miss Frances Griffith.

Mrs. William Taylor has returned home from visiting her sister, Mrs. Lou Hayes, of Philadelphia.

Miss Eddie Ferguson has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City.

Miss Cora and Lizzie Anderson entertained on Sunday Misses Edith Alderson and Clara Manlove.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. McCoy, near town.

Miss Belle Lofland and T. Bayard Vinson, of Warwick, spent a few days of the past week with their uncle, John Stephens, near town.

Rev. G. W. Townsend and wife are attending conference at Easton, and Rev. Atkins will preach in his place at Cecilton and Earleville.

Mrs. Catharine Mattax died at her home on Monday morning. Services were held Wednesday in the M. E. Church at 2 o'clock. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

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WASHINGTON, March 18th.—Senator L. Heister Ball, of Delaware, met with a peculiar and painful accident yesterday as he was about to leave the Senate chamber.

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At that instant the swinging door came with great force and struck him a violent blow in the forehead.

He was knocked down senseless.

He was carried to a sofa, where he was made comfortable until a physician could be sent for and restorative applied.

An hour later the Senator was removed to the Portland, where he was resting comfortably last night.

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VOTERS' ASSISTANT REPEALER PASSES

The Senate Monday afternoon passed the Voter's Assistant Law repealer. Senators Sparks and Ellison, Regular Republicans, voting with the Democrats, making tally stand nine to seven in favor of the repealer. Senator Sterling, Regular, voted with the Addicks, Republicans against the bill.

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